

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 12, 15 and 16 are amended and claim 14 is canceled. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 10 and 14 include allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14 and claim 10 is amended into independent form. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 are in allowable condition.

II. Claim 12 Satisfies 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that what constitutes the overhanging portion cannot be determined as what is overhung is not identified, and what constitutes the convex portion cannot be determined as the layer or layers that the convex portion is in is not identified. These assertions are respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claim 12 is amended to clarify that the "overhanging portions being formed to overhang from the main line portions." As discussed in the specification, the "overhanging portion" corresponds to the portion extending in the X direction of the shielding layer 404, which is connected to the portion extending in the Y direction in the shielding layer 404 illustrated in Fig. 5. See, e.g., paragraphs [0187] and [0189].

Further, the convex portions corresponds to reference number 430 in Figs. 12 and 13. Specifically, convex portion 430 as illustrated in Figs. 12 and 13 can be formed in the surface of the fourth interlayer insulating film 44 along the scanning line 3a. See, e.g., paragraph [0178]. Alternatively, the convex portion 430 as illustrated in Fig. 14 can be formed in the

fourth interlayer insulating film 44 between pixel electrodes 9a that are vertically adjacent to each other. See, e.g., paragraphs [0183] - [0191].

Thus, both the overhanging portion and convex portion are identified. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully rejected.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 6-8, 11, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,768,522 to Yasukawa et al.; rejects claims 2, 4-5, 9, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yasukawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,470 to Zhang et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,806,932 to Matsushima. These rejections are discussed in detail below.

Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Thus, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are in allowable condition and the rejection is now moot.

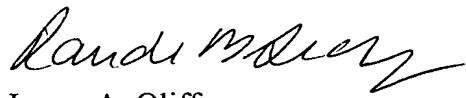
Further, claims 15 and 16 are patentable over the applied references. Claims 15 and 16 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. As acknowledged by the Office Action, none of the applied references teach or suggest that "the dielectric film constituting the storage capacitor including a plurality of layers including different materials," as recited in canceled claim 14. Thus, claims 15 and 16 are patentable over the applied references. Accordingly, withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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